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REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 47/416 of 25 November 1992.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it a letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/291-S/26242 and Corr.1).

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 34th and 38th meetings, on 22 and 29 November 1993. The summary records of those meetings contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item (A/C.6/48/SR.34 and 38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/48/L.15

5. At its 38th meeting, on 29 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice" (A/C.6/48/L.15) submitted by the Chairman of the Sixth Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

(a) Decides to continue its consideration of the item entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice";

(b) Decides also to include this item in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session.